

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-16, 19, and 30-38 are pending. Claim 36 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 14-16, 19, 30-34, and 37-38.

Claims 35 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. More specifically, the Examiner states that the disclosure as originally filed fails to provide written description or support for the newly added limitation directed to first and second seed layers having different Cr contents, and that the specification does not appear to describe the general concept of different Cr contents in the first and second seed layers. The Examiner suggests that Applicants provide specific references to where the original disclosure provides support for this feature.

The feature that the first and second seed layers have different Cr contents is disclosed in Example 2. See paragraphs [0056]-[0061]. In paragraph [0056] on page 17, the first seed layer is formed of Cr, 35% atomic weight of Ti, and 10% atomic weight of Ta. Thus, the first seed layer has 55% atomic weight of Cr. Different compositions of the second seed layer are shown in Table 3 on page 18 and discussed in paragraph [59] at page 18. The second seed layer can be 100% Cr, or 80% atomic weight Cr combined with 20% Ti, Mo, W, V, or Nb. Therefore, Example 2 discloses first and second seed layers having different Cr contents. Support for the other features of claim 35 can be found in paragraphs [0013] and [0056], while support for the features in claim 36 can be found in paragraph [0027].

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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